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ROBERT PINSKY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 21

7:30 p.m., *Public Poetry*
Reading,
Violette Hall 1000

8:30 p.m., *Public Reception*,
Violette Hall
Second Floor Lounge

March 22

Noon, *Faculty Development*
Luncheon,
SUB Down Under

7:30 p.m., *"An Explanation of*
America,"

Ryle College Lounge
Book signing to follow

March 23

10:30 a.m., *"The*
Inferno of Dante,"
SUB Georgian Room

For more information, call 785.4016.

CENSUS 2000

Fill out the census form
delivered to your residence.

Mail it by April 1st.

Extra forms are available
daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the Student Union.

Research Symposium to be Held Wednesday

The thirteenth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held on Wednesday, March 22, not Thursday, March 23, as previously announced in the 1999-2000 catalog calendar and the *Truman Today*. The symposium is a university-wide, interdisciplinary event that showcases scientific research, literary review, artistic performance and other forms of undergraduate scholarship from a wide variety of academic programs. The University community is invited to attend any of the sessions.

Sessions will begin at 8 a.m. and will run until 8:15 p.m. in the Student Union. A musical performance will be held at 4 p.m. in Baldwin Hall 156.

Forty students who received research stipends this year are required to make presentations at the symposium. In total, 150 research presentations will be given, involving 238 undergraduate students and 84 faculty mentors. Seventeen students are involved in two research projects and one student is involved with three.

"Truman has a well-deserved reputation

for excellence in undergraduate scholarship," said James Padfield, assistant professor of health and exercise science. "Congratulations to the outstanding students and faculty mentors for their involvement in and support of the symposium."

Developed in 1988, the event was originally established for science presentations. The Undergraduate Research Committee, chaired this year by Padfield, includes Donna Bailey, instructor of mathematics; Wynona Black, student representative; Janet Gooch, assistant professor of communication disorders; Brian Lamp, assistant professor of chemistry; Betty McLane-Iles, professor of French; Kyung Mun, associate professor of business communication; Sara Orel, associate professor of art; and Fred Schaffer, professor of psychology.

A complete schedule of all sessions and a brochure of the research abstracts will be available at the symposium. Garry Gordon, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, announces that classes will run as scheduled during the symposium.

Devlin to Return as Final Visiting Scholar

Keith Devlin, mathematician, author and researcher, will return to Truman from March 27 to 31 for a series of lectures.

Devlin's research focuses on applying mathematical techniques to issues of language and information systems. He is currently the dean of the School of Science at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif., and has published 22 books, one interactive book on CD-ROM and over 65 research articles.

On March 27, Devlin's schedule will include a public colloquium at 2:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1010 and a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1000. A

reception will follow these presentations.

On March 28, Devlin will conduct a public colloquium at 10:30 a.m. in Violette Hall 1000 and a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1000.

On March 29, the faculty development luncheon at noon in the SUB Spanish Room will feature Devlin, and he will also speak at the Residential College Colloquium at 7:30 p.m. in the Ryle College Lounge.

Devin will host a public book signing at noon on March 30 at the Truman Bookstore and two public colloquiums, at 3:30 and 7 p.m., in Violette Hall 1000.

On March 31, he will speak at an advanced mathematics seminar at 2:30 p.m. in Violette Hall 1010.



STUDENT HELP WANTED

The Writing Center is accepting applications for writing consultants. Qualified candidates should possess excellent writing and interpersonal skills. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply. For more information and application forms, stop by McClain Hall 303 or call 785.4484.

Applications are being accepted for TruNews positions for fall 2000. Applications are available by calling 785.7296.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Community Foundation of the Ozarks (Smith-Glynn-Callaway Medical School Scholarship)

Available to pre-medical students who have been accepted to a Missouri medical school and have financial need. The scholarship will total \$20,000 and will be payable over 4 years. Deadline is June 30.

Advantage Missouri Loan Program

Available to Missouri residents majoring in mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics or computer science planning to enter careers related to advanced manufacturing, computer technology, or biomedical/biotechnology in Missouri. Results for the FAFSA and the loan application must be on file by April 1 to be considered.

Call 785.4130 for details.

Debate Team Clinches Two National Titles

Truman's debate team finished its season by winning two national championship titles at the National Parliamentary Debate Association's National Championship Tournament held at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., from March 8-12.

Kevin Minch, forensics director and debate coach, said 224 teams representing 80 colleges and universities competed for honors. The team is also coached by Paul Hood, assistant director of forensics.

Ryan Kennedy, junior political science/ Russian major from Excelsior Springs, Mo., and Jacob Stutzman, junior communication arts major from St. Louis, defeated the University of Wyoming to win the final round of the debate competition with a rare 7-0 decision.

Four of the remaining Truman debate



Colorado State and others.

In fulfillment of a promise made at the beginning of the season, Minch will publicly shave his head in the coming days to commemorate the victory. Information on the time and location of this event has yet to be announced.

teams also reached the elimination rounds and the Truman team won the overall tournament sweepstakes national championship, outranking prestigious teams including UCLA, Nebraska State, UC-Berkeley, Rice,

Portfolios Benefit Students and University

This May, an estimated 1,000 senior portfolios will be read from approximately 22 different disciplines by 60 faculty members. The readers are divided into groups of 20 and spend a week together reviewing portfolios. The task requires about three weeks for completion. According to Ian Lindevald, director of the Portfolio Project, the process benefits both the participating students and the University.

The LAS Portfolio Project began 10 years ago in response to a charge from the CBHE to develop an in-house assessment of liberal arts education at Truman. In 1991, a half-dozen faculty members read 125 portfolios from four disciplines (art, business administration, English and political science). Beginning with the class of 2004, the portfolio will become a graduation requirement.

Assembly of the portfolios allows students the opportunity to review their academic careers, look at their personal growth

and develop the habit of self-reflection, a primary philosophy in life-long learning supporting the use of portfolio assessment.

"The first ten years of the project were marked by continual growth and development," Lindevald said. "Learning about the strengths and weaknesses in the programs leads to positive modifications."

Changes in the general studies program have come as a direct result of the Portfolio Project. Bryce Jones, professor of business administration, cites the statistics requirement and the junior interdisciplinary seminar as two examples of curriculum additions based upon portfolio review.

"The portfolio reading is one of the best professional development activities I do for myself and my students," assistant professor of English Priscilla Riggle added.

Faculty interested in participating as readers this year should contact Lindevald by March 31 at 785.4574.

TRUMAN PHYSICS COLLOQUIUMS

Scott Cohen, department of physics, University of Portland
4:35 p.m., March 22, Barnett Hall 251 "Energy Loss by Fast Electrons in Matter"
Includes some advanced concepts, but everyone is welcome.

Edwin F. Taylor, department of physics, MIT
7 p.m., March 27, SUB Activities Room "The Universe: Questions You Were Afraid to Ask"
Geared toward all faculty, staff and students—physics majors or not!

4:35 p.m., March 28, Magruder Hall 124 "The Boundaries of Nature: A Second Course in Physics"
An introductory-level talk for science faculty and majors, but everyone is welcome.

Call 785.4611, or visit www2.truman.edu/~prolnick/colloquia.html for more information.

Notables nO

Jim Barnes, professor of comparative literature and writer-in-residence, had his original short story, "The Wild Plum," accepted for publication in *The Texas Review*, and his poem, "Memoirs of a Cat Skinner," accepted for publication in *Work*, an anthology of contemporary American poetry. The Fulbright Commission has offered Barnes the Distinguished Chair in American Literature at the English Institute of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland for 2000-2001.

Warren Gooch, associate professor of music, had an original musical composition for solo alto saxophone, *Romanza and Galop*, accepted for publication by Southern Music Company.

Richard Houser, part-time instructor of English, will be Truman's nominee for the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools' annual Distinguished Masters Thesis Competition. Forty-two professors will attend the competition April 26-28 in Chicago, and only one will receive the award.

Nineteen Truman faculty members participated as readers for the MAGS Distinguished Masters Thesis competition. Readers are nominated based on their special expertise in the thesis area and included **Monica Barron**,

associate professor of English; **Kathryn Brammall**, assistant professor of history; **Paula Cochran**, professor of communication disorders; **Robert Cummings**, associate professor of history; **Maria Di Stefano**, dean of graduate studies; **Kenneth Fountain**, professor of chemistry; **Pat Gately**, associate professor of English; **Mark Hanley**, associate professor of history; **José Herrera**, assistant professor of biology; **Royce Kallerud**, assistant professor of English; **Nedra Klein**, assistant professor of biology; **Robert Libby**, professor of chemistry; **Christopher Maglio**, associate professor of counseling; **Jim McCormick**, assistant professor of chemistry; **John O'Brien**, assistant professor of chemistry; **Sara Orel**, associate professor of art; **Closetep Ramesh**, associate professor of communication; **David Robinson**, associate professor of history; **Nancy Sanders**, associate professor of biology; and **Lin Twining**, associate professor of immunology.

The six semi-finalists for the Truman Educator of the Year award are **Diane Janick-Buckner**, associate professor of biology; **Mark Hanley**, associate professor of history; **Brenda Higgins**, assistant professor of nursing; **John Ishiyama**, associate professor of political science; **Beverly Tremain**, assistant professor of health and exercise science; and **Tony Vazzana**, assistant professor of mathematics.

BULLDOGS EARN NATIONAL HONORS

Women's Swimming

The team placed second at the NCAA Division II Championships in Buffalo, N.Y., March 8-11. High finish for any women's team in University history!

13 of the 14 qualifiers gained

All-American status:

Christie Williams*
Bridget Riley*
Jess Martin*
Liz Hug*
Sara Hatcher*
Jen Malone*
Bryna Busch*
Sonya Burgers
Jenny Dobrzt
Bethany Jost
Jill Myers
Kelli Dudley*
Andrea Newton*

*indicates national champions

In addition, Truman coach Seth Huston was named National Women's Swimming Coach of the Year.

Men's Swimming

The men placed ninth at the national competition, and are able to boast five All-

Americans:

Chris Kohl
Mike Hoskovec
Matt Pray
Steve De La Piedra
Peter Koenig

Track and Field

Senior Natasha Carter earned All-American status with a 56'-2.5" weight throw during the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Wrestling

Senior Brad Kieffer earned his first All-American honors with a fifth place finish at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships.

Kieffer is also a four-time recipient of first-team Academic All-American recognition.

Women on the Edge: A Truman Conference

March 23

Violette Hall 1000

9:30 a.m., *Student Activism, Feminism and the ERA*; presented by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

10:30 a.m., *Gender and Ethnicity/Nation and Class*; Mary Shapiro, Hena Amad

1:30 p.m., *African American Women? Or Women Who Happen to be African American?*; Coalition of African American Women

3 p.m., *Gender, Activism and Care*; Marc Becker, Carol Marshall, Keith Doubt

4:30 p.m., *Queerness, Disabilities and Transgressive Performance*; Christine Sheikh, Jerry Hirsch

March 24

Violette Hall 1000

9:30 a.m., *Women in Politics/the Politics of Gender*; Marijke Breuning, Lynn Vacca, John Ishiyama and Holley Hansen

11 a.m., *Female Heroes*; Tara Rice, JJ Pionke

1:30 p.m., *Renaissance Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*; Arnie Preussner, Jennifer Farris, Leslie Graff

2:30 p.m., *Women Writers and the Literature of Dissent*; Larry Iles, Katja Liimatta

3:30 p.m., *Keynote Speaker Mary Rogers, "On the Edge: Ecofeminism, Liberal Feminism, and the Fourth Wave."*

Book signing of Barbie Culture to follow

March 25

Violette Hall 1010

10:30 a.m., *Women Writing the Self*; Karen Kuehnle, Melissa Moss, Kelly Anthony, Christie Franke, Rhea Juliano, Becky Becker

1 p.m., *Women at Home on the Road*; Neetic Abad, Anthony, Genevieve Bertrand, Suzanne Chappelow, Ann Kane, Nana Mun, Stephanie Noll, Jacque Paul, Hilary Pickeler, Amelie Sell, Becca Shoemaker

2 p.m., *Gender Roles and Male Power*; Judi Misale, Abby Heckman, Tricia Kammerer, Stephanie Merritt, Caroline Conley, Christy LeMaster

3:30 p.m., *Feminists in Midlife*; Jeanette Standley, Linda Seidel

All events are sponsored by the Divisions of Social Science and Language and Literature.

Notes

The Office of Advancement would like to acknowledge gifts received from Theresa Acton, Robert Cowan, Daun Hooley and Dennis Markeson in the recent Faculty/Staff Campaign.

The Child Development Center is now accepting preschool program applications for fall/spring 2001 and summer 2000 enrollment (5, 8, 10-week sessions). To be eligible, children should be toilet trained and between two and five years. Call 785.4473 to request a brochure, tuition schedule and application.

The Collegiate Farm Bureau and University Career Center will host an agriculture career panel at 4 p.m., March 21, at the Career Center. Ashley Davison, USDA soil conservationist; Ken Perkins, AFS Services agronomist; and Mike Kelly, Kirksville High school vocational/agriculture instructor, will be panel members. For more information call 785.4353.

The Faculty Development Lunch Series continues from 12:30-1:30 p.m., March 22, in the SUB Down Under. Distinguished Visiting Scholar Robert Pinsky will speak on "Americans' Favorite Poem Project." Reservations are required for this luncheon.

A mathematics colloquium will be held at 4:30 p.m., March 22, in Violette Hall 1328. Mike Adams, assistant professor of mathematics, will speak on "Perfect Poset Codes." No previous knowledge of coding theory will be assumed. Some interesting problems suitable for an undergraduate research project will be mentioned.

The Student Activities Board will present "Mapapa African Acrobats" at 7 p.m., March 22, in Baldwin Auditorium. For tickets and more information call 785.4SAB.

Tammy Bringaze from University Counseling Services will speak at 7 p.m., March 23, at Missouri Hall 365 (classroom). Her topic is "Out on Campus: How Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Issues Impact Residence Hall Life."

Nomination applications for the 2000 Leadership Awards are due by 4:30 p.m., March 24, in the CAOC office. Twelve leadership awards will be presented at the Leadership Recognition Program at 7 p.m., April 19, in the SUB Georgian Room. Applications to nominate students, organizations or advisors are available in the CAOC office.

Student Activities Board will present Erin Feis and "Lenahan" at 7 p.m., March 26 in the SUB Down Under. Erin Feis will present a special Irish presentation and "Lenahan," an Irish band, will perform. Admission is free.

Jerry Hirsch, associate professor of history, will speak at 7 p.m., March 26, at Missouri Hall 365 (classroom). His topic and short video

revolve around "The Disability Movement and Implications for Campuses."

Truman's Concert Band will hold a concert at 8 p.m., March 26, in Baldwin Auditorium. Admission is free.

Ekklesia will host a pizza buffet and devotional titled, "Marriage: For Better or Worse?" at 11:30 a.m., March 27, SUB Spanish Room.

An open seminar for students interested in the communication major will be held from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m., March 27, in McClain Hall 306.

The Truman Faculty Piano Trio concert is scheduled for 8 p.m., March 27, in Baldwin Auditorium. Sam McClure, violinist; Elaine Boda, cellist; and Janice Saffir, pianist; will perform trios by Brahms and Mozart and rarely heard work by the Spanish cellist Gaspar Cassado. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Truman Writers Block will meet at 9 p.m., March 27, in McClain Hall 303. All writers are welcome. Call 665.0585 for more information.

Purple Pride, the women's support group for Bulldog football, will be conducting interviews for fall 2000 participants. Sign up in the football office, Pershing Building 200, before March 28 for interview times. Call 785.7494 for more information.

The Women's Resource Center, Ryle Hall and Nason Hall student advisors will present a panel discussion on feminism and gender issues at 7 p.m., March 28, in the Ryle Hall Main Lounge. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Division of Social Science is conducting a workshop titled "Deciding About Graduate and Professional Schools" for sophomore and junior social science majors at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., March 29, in the SUB Alumni Room.

Phi Sigma Pi will sponsor "Entangled Lives: Facing our Slaveholding Past" at 7 p.m., March 29, in the SUB Georgian Room. The speakers will speak about the emotional and sociological implications of African-American slavery and relationships today.

Asia, a play written by Holly Kerns, will be presented as a lab show by the Fine Arts Department at 8 p.m., from March 29 to April 1, in the Baldwin Hall Studio Theatre.

Randall Smith, associate professor of music, will be performing an original composition by Warren Gooch at a faculty recital at 8 p.m., April 4, in the SUB Activities Room.

The application deadline for Language and Literature Summer and Fall 2000 internships/practicums is 5 p.m. on April 14. Applications can be found in the Lang/Lit Division office and must be submitted to David Fortney's mailbox in McClain Hall 311.

On Campus

21 TUESDAY

2 p.m.-**Softball vs. SIUE**
4 p.m.-**Agriculture career panel**, University Career Center; see Notes

22 WEDNESDAY

12:30 p.m.-**Faculty Development Lunch Series**, SUB Down Under; see Notes
4:30 p.m.-**Math colloquium**, Violette Hall 1328; see Notes
6 p.m.-**Eating disorder panel discussion and mocktails**, SUB Down Under
7 p.m.-**Mapapa African Acrobats**, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

23 THURSDAY

1 p.m.-**Softball vs. Lincoln**
7 p.m.-**Residential College speaker**, Missouri Hall 365; see Notes

24 FRIDAY

10 a.m.-**Eating disorder flower memorial**, Violette Hall

25 SATURDAY

Noon-**Who's Who Luncheon**, SUB Georgian Room

26 SUNDAY

7 p.m.-**Erin Feis and "Lenahan"**, SUB Down Under; see Notes
7 p.m.-**Residential College speaker**, Missouri Hall 365; see Notes
8 p.m.-**Concert Band Concert**, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes

27 MONDAY

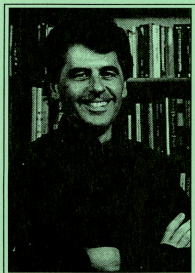
11:30 a.m.-**Ekklesia lunch devotional**, SUB Spanish Room; see Notes
6 p.m.-**Seminar for potential communication majors**, McClain Hall 306; see Notes
8 p.m.-**Faculty Piano Trio**, Baldwin Auditorium; see Notes
9 p.m.-**Truman Writers Block**, McClain Hall 303; see Notes

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Keith Devlin

MATHEMATICIAN, AUTHOR, RESEARCHER

British-born Dr. Keith Devlin is an author, mathematician, and researcher whose work focuses on applying mathematical techniques to issues of language/information and the design of information systems. His published works include 22 books, one interactive CD-ROM, and more than 65 research articles. Recognized in 1991 by the American Association of Publishers as author of the "Most Outstanding Book in Computer Science and Data Processing," Devlin's book *Logic and Information* (published by Cambridge University Press) continues to draw interest. His latest work, *InfoSense: Turning Information into Knowledge* (a Freeman publication) deals with the same theme. Devlin also regularly contributes to the popular National Public Radio program, *Weekend Edition*. His *Life by the*

Numbers, broadcast on the PBS network in 1998, was a successful six-part documentary series about everyday uses for mathematics. Other recent works include *The Language of Mathematics: Making the Invisible Visible*, published by W.H. Freeman in 1998; and *Goodbye Descartes: the End of Logic and the Search for a New Cosmology of the Mind*, a 1997 Wiley publication. While serving as Dean of St. Mary's School of Science, Devlin is also senior researcher at the Center of the Study of Language and Information at Stanford University and serves as a consulting research professor at the University of Pittsburgh in the Department of Information Science.

Monday, March 27

Public Colloquium

"A Student Survival Kit
for Calculus"

2:30-3:20 p.m. • Violette Hall 1010

Public Lecture

"The Secret
Mathematical Life of
Plants"

7:30-8:30 p.m. • Violette Hall 1000

Reception Immediately Following

Tuesday, March 28

Public Colloquium

"A New Cosmology
of the Mind"

10:30-11:50 a.m. • Violette Hall 1000

Public Lecture

"Why Golf Balls Have
Dimples
and Other Secrets of
Mathematics"

7:30-8:30 p.m. • Violette Hall 1000

Wednesday, March 29

Faculty Development Lunch

"Computer Literacy"

12-1 p.m.
Spanish Room
Student Union

Residential College Colloquium

"Doctor, What Are My
Chances?"

7:30-8:30 p.m. • Ryle College Lounge

Thursday, March 30

Public Book Signing

12-1 p.m. • Truman Bookstore
Student Union

Public Colloquium

"The Mathematics of
Space Flight"

3:30-4:20 p.m. • Violette Hall 1000

Public Colloquium & Video

"How Do
Mathematicians View
Mathematics?"

7-8:30 p.m. • Violette Hall 1000

Friday, March 31

Advanced Mathematics Seminar

"Set Theory for the
Real World"

2:30-3:20 p.m. • Violette Hall 1010